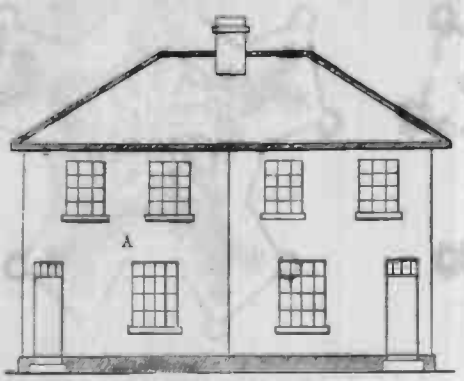
PLAN FOR DWELLING-HOUSES.

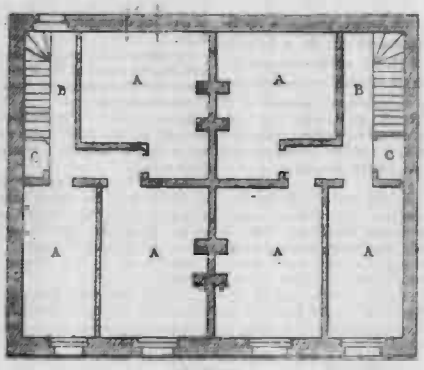
Sir,—The enclosed is a plan for two houses which I have had to draw lately, and have built several on a similar plan; it is generally approved, but may be reduced by making the front room 13 feet by 12, and the kitchen 11 feet by 12 feet; built in a substantial manner with 1½ brick walls will cost about 400*l.* the pair, fit for occupation.

I remain, Sir, yours, &c.,

A Practical Builder.

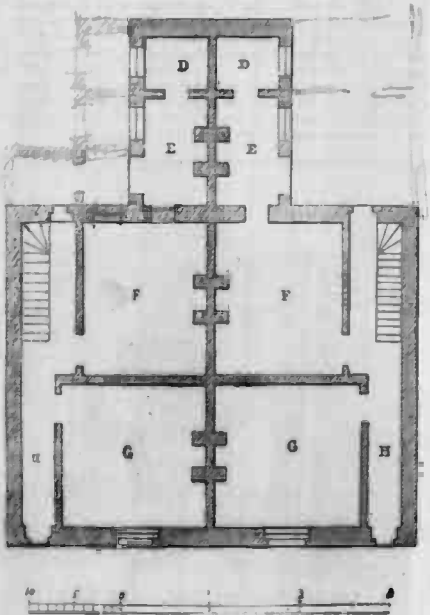


Elevations of Two plain Dwelling-houses.



Chamber Plan.

A. Bed-rooms. B. Stairs. C. Closet.



Ground Plan.

NEW CHURCHES.

Cambridge.—A proposition is on foot to build a new university church in Cambridge. This is met by the objection, that considering the central situation of St. Mary's, its advantageous grouping with the finest public buildings, and the associations with it which have endured for centuries, it is perfectly impossible to obtain another spot in any degree comparable with it. Nowhere in the heart of the town could a sufficient space be cleared, but at a cost for which it is utterly hopeless to think of providing. St. Mary's, however, is confessedly inadequate to the wants of the "ever-increasing academic body" It is therefore proposed to enlarge it. A writer in the Cambridge paper puts the suggestion in these words:—"By extending the building eastward, lengthening the present nave by two or three arches, and adding a suitable chancel, with a handsome east window, a truly magnificent church might be the result. If the incumbrances now upon the ground cannot be all removed at once, they might gradually disappear, through the liberal exertions of those who come after us, stimulated by our example. Whatever defects likewise in taste are to be observed in the present structure, might at the same opportunity be carefully remedied. The Camden Society, it may be presumed, would watch over such a proceeding with the most anxious unremitting attention. And who, Sir, can doubt that, if our university leaders would but make a beginning, this is a work for which 'the people, through the length and breadth of the land, would willingly offer themselves?'"

The tender of Messrs. Myers and Wilson has been accepted for the works about to be commenced in the chancel of the fine old church at Hedon. It is proposed to refurnish it with longitudinal stalls, and to put up a new altar rail, all to be of oak elaborately carved; also to lay the floor with encaustic tiles, and to have a new reredos, with gilt panels illuminated, by Mr. Williams, of London.

The Queen has subscribed 100*l.* towards new churches in Woolwich.

The Queen Dowager has sent 100*l.* into the subscription for the restoration of Llandaff Cathedral.

Earl Talbot has given 50*l.* in aid of the restoration of St. Mary's Church, Stafford.

The consecration of the Cathedral of Versailles took place on Sunday last. The building was commenced a hundred years ago.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The New Docks for the Aire and Calder Company are intended to cover about two acres of ground, and abut on the Manchester and Leeds Railway, at Wakefield, on the river side of the station-house. They are to be commenced very shortly.

New Gaol, Wisbeach.—Operations were commenced for building the new House of Correction on Tuesday last. By the terms of the contract the whole of the works are to be completed by the last day of October, 1844.

Hereford New City Gaol.—Messrs. Treherne and Duckham, the architects, having certified that this building has been completed in accordance with the contract, the magistrates on Monday last ordered that the prisoners should be removed thither, which was accordingly done. The old prison will consequently be speedily demolished, and the materials employed for other building purposes.

RAILWAYS.

Notice of application to Parliament has been published for a branch railway from the South-Eastern line at Headcorne to Hastings.

An advertisement has appeared in the papers of the prospectus of a proposed railway from Harrogate and Knaresbrough, to form a junction with the York and North Midland line, at Bolton Percy station.

Railway between Edinburgh and Berwick.—The usual requisite notices of an intention to apply to Parliament for powers to carry out this undertaking have been posted on the church doors.

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